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Mr. Douglas Stuart
NJDEPE
Bureau of Environmental Evaluation
& Cleanup Responsibility Assessment
401 East State Street, CN-028
Trenton, New Jersey

RE: ISRA CASE #86009 HEXCEL CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I am writing to you in response to the letter dated May 5, 1994 from Ms. Marjorie A. Piette and Mr. John A. Rhodes of GEO Engineering regarding the above ISRA Case #86009.

The GEO Engineering letter states that the schedule for "many of the tasks is dependent upon first obtaining approval by Fine Organics and the appropriate regulatory authorities for temporary use of the existing sewer lines". Fine Organics Corporation has denied use of its existing sewer lines to Hexcel Corporation based upon our understanding of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioner's position regarding such use by Hexcel.

In a letter dated May 5, 1994 from Mr. Carmine T. Perrapato to Mr. A. William Nosil, it seems clear that the PVSC will not permit further use of the existing sewer lines for the discharge of pre-treated groundwater. In fact, the use of Fine Organics' sewer lines by Hexcel was terminated in November of 1992 (see enclosures 4/25/94 and 5/5/94).

I have previously written to and spoken with Mr. Joseph J. Nowak, Case Manager, regarding the current problems faced by Fine Organics Corporation due to the accumulation of untreated, PCB contaminated groundwater in the "pit" area of Building #1. We have been unsuccessful in our attempts to get Hexcel Corporation to remove this water from the building. The current depth of the water is approximately 15" or more and is preventing the use of three manufacturing tanks by Fine Organics.

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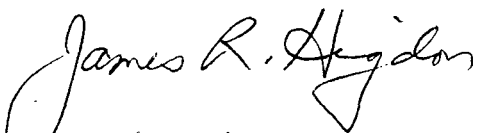
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The GEO Engineering response to NJDEPE on May 5, 1994 does not adequately address the groundwater problems in Building #1. Fine Organics Corporation respectfully requests that the NJDEPE exercise its influence and authority to compel Hexcel Corporation to begin immediate removal of the current groundwater in Building #1, and to continue remediation as required by the A.C.O. issued by the NJDEPE.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

FINE ORGANICS CORPORATION



James R. Higdon
Director of Operations

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Marjorie A. Piette (GEO)
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Mr. Edward A. Hogan, ESQ.
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